



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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Weekly Fall Yard Trimmings Collection

October 13–December 19, 2014

To assist residents with fall leaf cleanup, yard trimmings will be collected weekly for a 10-week period beginning on October 13 and ending on December 19, 2014. During this time, you may set out your yard trimming containers on your regular trash collection day each week.

Fix Your Own Gadgets

Maintaining and repairing electronic devices dramatically improves their usable lifespan. Imagine how much less electronic waste there would be if we doubled the length of time the average piece of electronics is used. But things break. You drop your cell phone, trip over your laptop's power cord, or your display wears out. Wear and tear is normal, but throwing away almost-functional devices shouldn't be. If you would like to try and fix it yourself, check out www.iFixit.com, where you can find free repair manuals for thousands of devices. You will also find a community of fixers willing to help with advice, and hard to find tools you can purchase to help complete your repairs. Or visit a local Repair Café event to get help fixing electronic devices, small appliances like toasters and blenders, and clothes. Contact RepairCafe@gmail.com for the next event date and location.



Contact Us

Garbage and Recycling Collection Services

Missed pickups, service questions, clean up and bulky good collection services, collection schedule, business recycling, debris boxes. Recology Mountain View
(650) 967-3034 or
www.RecologyMountainView.com

Utility and Garbage Billing Information

Start or change garbage accounts, billing inquiries and purchase extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Dept.
(650) 903-6317

Program Comments and Suggestions

Comments about *Resource* newsletter, information or questions about what's recyclable or programs. City Solid Waste and Recycling Program
(650) 903-6311, www.MVrecycle.org, or
recycle@mountainview.gov

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Holiday REMINDERS



THANKSGIVING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday Nov. 24	Tuesday Nov. 25	Wednesday Nov. 26	Thursday Nov. 27	Friday Nov. 28	Saturday Nov. 29
Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	NO COLLECTION <i>Office Closed</i>	Thursday Customers Collected <i>Office Closed</i>	Friday Customers Collected

Collection services occur on all holidays *except* Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

On Call Plus Appointments

For those eligible, remember to schedule a free On Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments from December 25, 2014 through January 23, 2015 to allow for holiday tree collection. Vouchers to the SMaRT Station® will still be available. Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 for more information.

Restaurant Composting Heats Up!

After several successful years as a pilot program, composting service is now available to all commercial customers. While many corporate businesses, with their cafeterias and catered meals, were early adopters, a number of restaurants have now joined the program, providing residents a way to support businesses with a commitment to reducing waste. Most of the food waste separation in restaurants is happening in the kitchen, away from the view of customers. However, if you see this decal on the window, you'll know you are visiting a restaurant or business that is participating in the program. If you regularly eat somewhere that is not participating, ask them to call Recology to find out how to get on board!



Restaurants That Compost

Afortunado Taqueria

Asian Box

Cascal

Chipotle (El Monte location)

Crepevine

Fiesta Del Mar

Hobee's

House of Bagels

Jamba Juice

Mi Pueblo

Morocco's

New York Pizza

Oren's Hummus Shop

Panera Bread

Peet's Coffee (Castro location)

Pizza My Heart

Posh Bagel

Sakoon

Scott's Seafood

Shalala

Shana Thai

Sono Sushi

Starbucks (Miramonte location)

Sweet Tomatoes

Subway (Miramonte location)

Tres Hermanos Taqueria

Una Mas

Yam Leaf Bistro

Prevent Food Waste—Shop Smart!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that a typical American throws out 40 percent of fresh fish, 38 percent of greens and 23 percent of eggs. Much of this household waste is due to spoilage, overcooking, plate waste and over-purchasing. Planning meals and making an organized shopping list is one way to reduce the amount of food waste in your own household. Here are some additional shopping tips:

- Shop your fridge and cupboards first to avoid buying food you already have on hand.
- Include quantities on your shopping list to avoid overbuying. For fresh items, note how many meals you will make with each (e.g., salad greens—enough for two lunches).
- Choose loose fruit and vegetables over pre-packaged to better control the quantity you need, ensure fresher ingredients and reduce packaging waste.
- Don't succumb to marketing tricks that lead you to buy more food than you need, particularly perishable items. They may be less expensive per ounce, but they can be more expensive overall if much of that food is discarded.
- Try free or low cost mobile apps and web-based tools to help make planning and shopping list preparation easier (see side bar for suggestions).



Mobile Apps/Web Tools

Food on the Table: Recipes, meal planner, shopping list. www.foodonthetable.com

Love Food Hate Waste: Meal planner, shopping list, recipes, other advice. www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

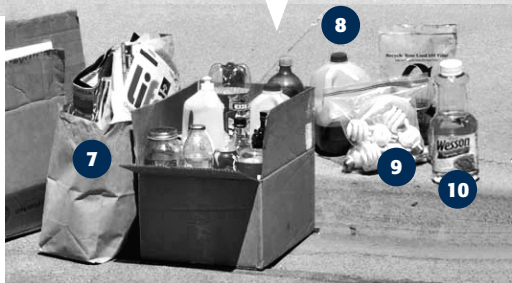
Cozi: Shopping list, meal planner, recipe storage. www.cozi.com

Still Tasty: Search shelf-life info, food expiration alerts, shopping list. www.stilltasty.com.

Spinning Meals: Meal planning, shopping list, recipes. www.spinningmeals.com.



Garbage and recycling set out



Single Family Service

Where to Set Out Carts

Set out all carts in the street by 7 am on collection day, leaving at least 18 inches between carts, and away from overhanging trees, basketball hoops, carports, and balconies. Remove carts no later than the next day. Store the carts inside your garage or behind a fence, hedge or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. Do not place carts on top of the curb or sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, the carts will be collected from the top of the curb.

Extra Garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Safeway or Nob Hill Store, the Mountain View Public Library, the Finance Department at City Hall, or Recology at 935 Terra Bella Avenue (weekdays 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm). Call stores ahead to confirm availability. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

How to Recycle

- 1. Extra Yard Trimmings:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large paper lawn and refuse bags (available at hardware and home and garden stores) or plastic cans. No metal cans or plastic bags please. Container limit is 32-gallons and 50 pounds. If you regularly have extra yard trimmings, order additional cart(s).
- 2. Mixed Paper (Grey Lid):** Place paper in the cart under the grey lid—newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces.
- 3. Household Batteries:** Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology and set on top of recycling cart. Recology will empty and return the bag for reuse. Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire.
- 4. Cell Phones:** Place phones in a clear, sealed plastic bag and set on top of your recycling cart.
- 5. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid):** Place containers in the cart under the blue lid—glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs #1-7, metal cans and lids.
- 6. Cardboard:** Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place on top of curb next to the recycling cart.
- 7. Extra Recycling:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling. Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart. Place mixed paper in another paper bag or box. No plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra recycling, order a larger or second cart.
- 8. Used Motor Oil and Filters:** Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.
- 9. Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):** Place CFLs in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on the curb next to recycling cart. NO fluorescent tubes (take to SMaRT Station).
- 10. Used Cooking Oil:** Contain in a clear plastic bottle or jug with a screw-top lid. Set on the curb next to your recycling cart.

Multi-Family Service

How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes have group carts for recycling. Different carts are provided for Mixed Containers and Mixed Paper (Newspaper Only carts are being phased out; newspaper may be placed in Mixed Paper carts).

Containers

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs, metal cans and lids in the Containers cart.

Paper

Place newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the Paper and Cardboard cart.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape large cardboard into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place next to the carts. **Smaller cardboard pieces may be placed in cart.**

Other Recyclables

Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about collection of motor oil and filters, cooking oil, household batteries, CFLs and cell phones at their properties.

Buddy Bags

Specially designed bags are available for carrying sorted recyclables to their proper carts. Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about how to obtain free bags.



Buddy bags are available to carry recyclables

Clean Up Programs

On Call Plus

Eligible residents may schedule three (3) free appointments each year, to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture. This program is not available to apartments. Managers should call Recology to arrange a complex-wide special collection (fees will apply).

Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds each or be longer than 4' in length. Visit **Clean Up Programs** at www.MVrecycle.org for detailed set out guidelines or call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for information and to schedule an appointment.

Vouchers

On Call appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to request vouchers one week in advance.

Bin for a Day

Have a clean-up project that is too small for a debris box? For a fee, Recology will deliver a 4-yard dumpster to your property (see photo, right). You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days after delivery). This service is available to all residents and businesses. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.



Bin for a day

RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and removal for you! This service is available to all residents and businesses beginning in January 2014.

Recycling Clean Out Service

Schools and businesses may have extra recycling containers delivered once per year for a one week period (at no charge) for large clean out projects (regular mixed recyclables only). To arrange delivery call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

Where to Recycle

Containers

Glass bottles and jars	■	■	■	■		
Metal cans and lids	■	■	■	■		
Plastic bottles and tubs	■	■	■	■		

Paper

Cardboard	■	■	■	■		
Confidential documents (shredding events, see Calendar, page 4)				■		
Mixed paper—See <i>What’s Recyclable</i>	■	■	■	■		

Organics

Christmas Trees	■	■ #		■ \$		
Yard Trimmings (no food)	■		■ #	■ \$		

Electronics (E-Waste)

Batteries (household)	■		■	■		■
Cell phones	■		■	■		
Miscellaneous electronics (computers, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, radios, calculators, etc.)	□	□	■	■		
Televisions	□	□	■	■		

Other

Appliances—Large (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers)	□	□		■ \$		
Appliances—Medium (Washer, dryer, water heater, stove)	□	□	■ #	■ \$		
Appliances—Small (microwave, other counter-top size appliances)	□	□	■ #	■		
Auto batteries				■		
Cooking oil/grease	■		■	■		
Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL’s)	■		■	■	■	■
Fluorescent light tubes				■	■	■
Furniture	□	□		■ \$		
Mattresses	□	□	■ \$	■ \$		
Motor oil and filters	■			■		■
Passenger car tires (limit four)	□	□		■ \$		

Household Hazardous Waste—see *County Household Hazardous Waste Program*

Medicine					■	■
Paint					■	■
Other household hazardous waste					■	
Sharps (hypodermic needles)				■	■	

- Accepts the listed material
- # Appointment required, call Recology
- Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments not eligible for On Call plus, call Recology for fee service)
- \$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher)

County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Do NOT place hazardous waste in garbage or recycling containers. Below is a partial list of the items accepted at no charge by the County-wide Household Hazardous Waste program *by appointment only*. For a full list of accepted items or to make an appointment, call or visit the website (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org).

Batteries (household) • Fire extinguishers • Flares • Fluorescent tubes • Fluorescent compact bulbs • Medicine (except controlled substances, which are not accepted at the HHW drop off program but can be taken to Retail Take-Back Locations, see page 4) • Paint (please use Retail Take-Back Locations for paint disposal when possible, see page 4) • Pesticides • Pool Chemicals • Propane/balloon tanks • Sharps (hypodermic needles) • Smoke detectors • Solvents • Thermometers and thermostats

What’s Recyclable

Recycle

- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal cans and lids
- Plastic bottles and tubs
- Aluminum foil (clean)
- Catalogs and junk mail
- Cereal/food/shoe boxes
- Gift wrap (no metallics)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Manila folders
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Phone books



Garbage

- Aerosol cans¹
- Animal waste (bagged)
- Any food/beverage soiled paper
- Black plastic
- Ceramics & porcelain
- Clamshells (lids are attached)
- Diapers
- Egg cartons (paper or foam)
- Frozen food boxes
- Hard plastics (toys, plant pots, etc.)¹
- Juice pouches and boxes
- Milk, ice cream, soup cartons¹
- Mirrors and window glass
- Paper cups, plates, napkins
- Paper towel
- Pizza boxes
- Photographs
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film & wrap¹
- Plastic cups, plates, utensils
- Pots and pans (and other metal)¹
- Pyrex and similar glass
- Snack papers & wrappers
- Styrofoam™ of any kind
- Tyvek or padded envelopes
- Waxed paper

¹ These items with limited recycling markets are accepted at Mountain View Recycling Center during drop-off hours (see page 4)

Drop Off Appointments for Household Hazardous Waste

Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County, including every third Saturday in Sunnyvale (except December).

For schedule and to make an appointment, call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org



Retail Take-Back Locations

Paint (latex, oil, coatings, primer, stain, varnish), **Fluorescent Lamps** (compact bulbs and tubes), **Household Batteries** (no automotive batteries), and **Medications** from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

PAINT

Dunn-Edwards
1949 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-4526

Kelly Moore
180 E El Camino Real, (650) 964-5220

Kelly Moore
411 Fairchild Drive, (650) 961-0750

Orchard Supply
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
Please check with the store first if you have more than 5 gallons. For a list of all paint products accepted and other take-back locations in Santa Clara County, visit www.hhw.org.

FLUORESCENTS AND BATTERIES

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-7871
Leave with employee at register

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
Leave at customer service desk

Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply
134 San Antonio Circle, (650) 948-1089
Leave with employee at register

Stanford Electric
126 San Antonio Circle, (650) 323-4139
Leave with employee at counter

BATTERIES ONLY

Radio Shack
530 Showers Drive, (650) 941-2320 and
1350 Grant Road, (650) 961-7964

Best Buy
2460 Charleston Road, (650) 903-0591

Target
555 Showers Drive, (650) 965-7764

Green Citizen
2500 W. El Camino Real #D, (650) 493-8700

MEDICATION

Various Locations
Visit www.hhw.org for a full list of medication drop-off locations.

MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

Any Certified Used Oil Collection Center
Visit www.hhw.org for list of centers

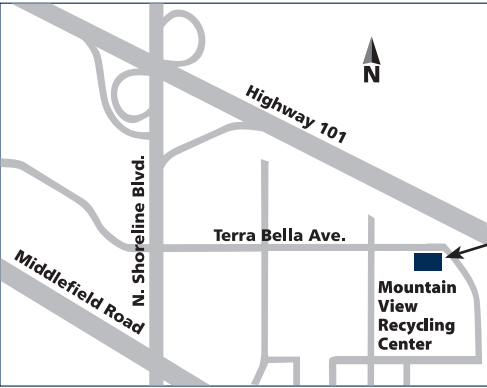


Home Composting Workshop



Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil. Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County. For schedule and to register, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit www.ReduceWaste.org.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers



Mountain View Recycling Center

935 Terra Bella Avenue
(650) 967-3034
www.RecologyMountainView.com

Operating Hours

Buy Back Center: Tuesday–Saturday
9 am to 4 pm

Drop Off Hours: Monday–Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Purchase extra garbage stickers or pick up Extra SMaRT Day Vouchers weekdays from 9–11 am and 2–4 pm. Please call ahead for Vouchers.

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours. Remove lids from bottles.

Drop Off Services

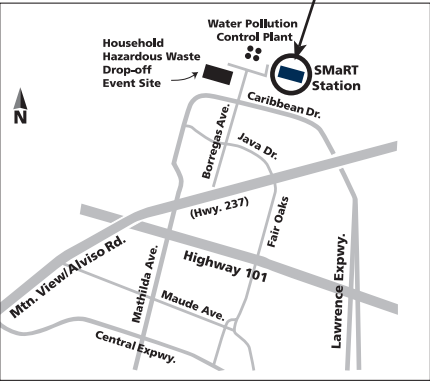
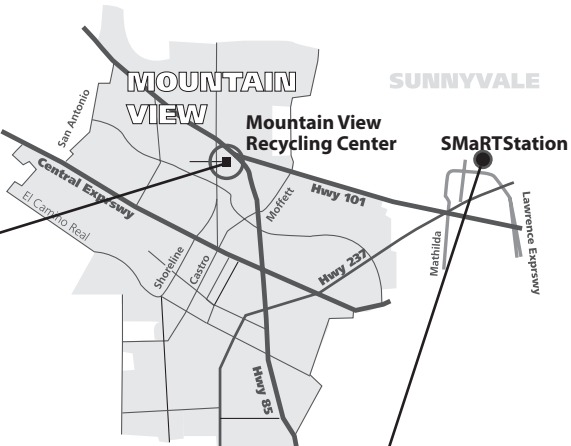
The following items are accepted at the Recycling Center during drop-off hours only. Please do not visit the Center or leave any items after hours.

- All items accepted in the curbside recycling program (see *What’s Recyclable* on page 3)
- Milk and dairy cartons
- Aseptic containers (juice, soup, soy milk)
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Frozen food boxes (and other waxed paperboard)
- Rigid plastics (pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.)
- Textiles (unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels)
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long (pots/pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Film plastic (bread and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box-type liners, shrink wrap). Please bundle plastic together
- Usable clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.)
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Used cooking oil (in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw top lid)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (no tubes)
- Cell phones
- Household batteries (in clear plastic bags, tape terminals)

By Appointment Services

Appointments are available to drop off these reusable or recyclable items (limits apply). Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 to make an appointment.

- Appliances (no full size refrigerators or freezers)
- Large plastic toys
- Furniture (suitable for donation only)
- Clean wood and lumber (no painted or treated wood)
- Yard trimmings



SMaRT Station

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
(408) 752-8530
www.SMART.inSunnyvale.com

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies).

Operating Hours

Daily 7 days a week 8 am to 5 pm

Drop Off Services

See table on page 3 for items accepted at no charge

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours.

Free Compost and Mulch

For pick up by residents (bring ID and containers, shovels provided). Limits apply, call or visit web-site for information and to check supply.

Fall 2014 Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar

September 14	Repair Café (415-513-6564 or RepairCafeMV@gmail.com)
September 20	California Coastal Cleanup Day (www.CleanACreek.org)
October 13–December 19	Yard Trimmings Collected Weekly (see page 1)
November 1	Confidential Paper Shredding Event, call (650) 903-6311 for info
November 15	America Recycles Day (www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)
November 16	America Recycles Day (www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)

When is my Recycling Collected?

Split carts are collected every other week on the same day as garbage. Find your recycling week by calling Recology at **(650) 967-3034** or visit www.MVrecycle.org.